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In re Appln. of: Caruso et al.

Appln. No.: 10/809,279

Filed: March 25, 2004

For: SEATING STRUCTURE HAVING  
FLEXIBLE SUPPORT SURFACE

Attorney Docket No: 3591/1378

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: 3635

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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter; 2<sup>nd</sup> Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449 and cited references C17, C19, C21-C22
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_\_).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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Respectfully submitted,

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME
4,889,387	12/1989	Gregory
5,094,580	3/1992	Abe
5,318,348	6/1994	Hess
D377,431	1/1997	Stumpf et al.
5,662,383	9/1997	Hand
5,762,403	6/1998	Robinson
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D487,359	3/2004	Giugiaro
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D490,994	6/2004	Schmitz et al.
2005/0001464	1/2005	Caruso et al.
6,869,140	3/2005	White et al.

OTHER ART

1. "Aeron Chair", *Herman Miller*, 1995 (4 pages)
2. "IDEA" advertisement, *Intes USA*, High Point NC, date unknown (1 page)
3. International Preliminary Examination Report from PCT/US2002/00024, April 12, 2005 (4 pages)
4. "New! Bungie High Back Chair" advertisement, (source and date unknown)

5. Pearlman, C., "Made to Measure" *I.D.*, Sept. – Oct. 1994 (8 pages)
6. Zurowski, T., "Designers Rate...Herman Miller's Aeron Chair", *Interiors*, July 1995 (1 page)

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Cited references C18 and C20 are not enclosed under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)(1) as they were provided in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/897,153 (now U.S. Patent 6,726,285), which we are relying on for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120. As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

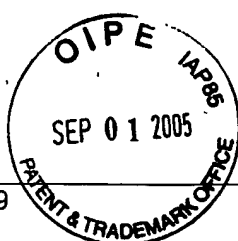
By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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FORM PTO-1449	SERIAL NO. 10/809,279	CASE NO. 3591/1378
LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (use several sheets if necessary)	FILING DATE March 25, 2004	GROUP ART UNIT 3635
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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	C1	4,889,387	12/1989	Gregory		
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	C15	2005/0001464	1/2005	Caruso et al.		
	C16	6,869,140	3/2005	White et al.		

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL		(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.
	C17	"Aeron Chair", <i>Herman Miller</i> , 1995 (4 pages)
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